

20,000 Conquerors.
20,000 Deep in Shame.
500,000 U. S. A. Soldiers.
Remember Frankenstein.

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What is a great nation and what a little nation?

A nation is great while it has within itself the spirit that makes greatness. It is small when that spirit dies. Do not imagine that little countries in Europe ruled by others are necessarily as despicable of freedom or as fit for it as those that are free and self-governing.

Montesquieu says in the third book of the "Spirit of Laws": "Athens had in her breast the same power when she dominated with so much glory as when she served with so much shame."

"She had twenty thousand citizens when she defeated the Greeks against the Persians, disputed the empire with Lacedaemonia and attacked Sicily."

"She had twenty thousand citizens when Demetrius de Phalere numbered them as one counts slaves in the market."

It was not the great number of Greeks that made it possible for Athens to hold back and defeat the millions of Persia.

It was not the small number of Greeks that made it so easy later for Philip or anybody else to conquer Athens.

The trouble was that Athens feared Philip, father of Alexander, not as an enemy of the LIBERTY of Athens, but as an enemy of the PLEASURES of Athens.

When Athens was great the money that the citizens could have spent on themselves they voted to spend on national defense.

And the same Athens with the same population later in the years of disgrace "had passed a law to punish with death whoever should propose using for national defense the money that had been set aside for the public theaters."

When a little tree blows over in the wind it isn't because it was a LITTLE tree.

And it doesn't blow over because there are great trees near it. After it has blown over you see where the break comes—that it is decayed within.

Twenty thousand Athenians with a leader like Themistocles could do anything, conquer any odds.

And the same number could be conquered by anybody after they had passed a law punishing with death the man who would let patriotism interfere with pleasure.

That brings us to discussing the safety and the protection of this country, which will be safe while it retains the spirit above in this war, as in 1793, and never, safe without that spirit, no matter how big its army or navy.

Carelessly, as though it doesn't make much difference, it is suggested that the House and Senate, "getting ready to reorganize the military branch, will establish in this country a standing army of about five hundred thousand men."

A man in the story written by Shelley's wife ingeniously contrived a powerful monster called "Frankenstein." Presently he wished he hadn't.

A man named William Hohenzollern built a gigantic standing army. He could not resist the temptation to give it a "tryout." Now at night he sees above his head the French guillotine, the English noose, the suicide's pistol, and asks himself: "Which?"

There are powerful men in the United States that have always wanted a great standing army. They found that men hired from Pinkerton in great strikes were not satisfactory.

There are men of power and wealth with better intentions who say: "What harm can there be in a great standing army? At least, it will always protect property, stability and conservatism."

But will it? The Car had a great standing army. Trotsky and Lenin have it now. Be careful how you build a dangerous weapon that somebody else may take from you and use against you.

Please remember that there is no country in the world in which it would be more difficult than in America to keep in barracks five hundred thousand IDLE men, ready to obey orders from above, always refraining from starting out on their own hook.

A great NAVY? Yes; for it could only be used to keep our enemies away or attack them where they are. It cannot come ashore and help organized selfishness to fight disorganized humanity.

A great INDUSTRIAL army? Yes. You could have five hundred thousand men in Government employ, or a million or two million, doing an honest day's work every day, working at the nation's deserts, swamps, roads, trained for a few hours each week in military duty, ready to defend the country if necessary, each having his home, each living with the people, not in barracks as a stranger to the people.

A great industrial, self-governing army if you choose, earning its living, eliminating plague spots, deserts, swamps, mosquitoes that spread disease, working for all the people, and trained, ready (Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)

WEATHER:

Cloudy and rain today. Temperature at 8 a. m., 50, 55, 60 degrees; average temperature for December 58. For last 24 hours, 55 degrees.

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London News Says All Royal Precedents Will Be Broken

KING TO MEET PRESIDENT AT THE RAILWAY STATION

BOLSHEVIKI IN FIRST YANKEE REVAL BEING BATTLESHIPS BOMBARDED BY RETURN FOR BRITISH FLEET GREAT REVIEW

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22.—A British fleet in the Baltic began bombarding the Bolshevik forces at Reval on December 14, says a dispatch from Berlin quoting the Lokal Anzeiger. The Bolsheviks retreated to the Weissenburg line.

A Swedish fleet occupied the Estonian coast of Russia.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22.—The Bolsheviks have reached an acute danger point.

In White Russia and Courland the Bolshevik forces are advancing toward the German frontier, and the retreating German soldiers are leaving behind much material which the Russians are using.

Four hundred and sixty counter-revolutionists have been arrested by the Bolsheviks at Pskoff. Some of those sentenced to death were forced to dig their own graves. Others, upon whom long prison sentences were imposed, were compelled to fill in the graves after the corpses had been thrown in.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—The first president of the German republic will be elected by the general conference which will assemble here December 28, it was announced today.

Official announcement was made of the appointment of Count Brockdorff, German minister to Denmark, as foreign secretary, succeeding Dr. Solf.

Citizens of German blood in Bohemia are protesting against their forcible mobilization by the Czechs.

Reports from Cassel state that more than fifty carloads of army food are plundered there daily.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22.—Travelers from Germany report that there are more than 100,000 unemployed men in Berlin. The streets are full of beggars. Many of the largest factories have closed.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 22.—Belief that Germany will become a democracy, but not a Socialist republic, is stated by Hugo Haase, one of the leaders of the German government, according to a dispatch from Berlin today.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 22.—The Krupp Company, at Essen, is unable to pay a dividend. Director Hugenholz has announced to Frau Bertha Krupp.

ARMOUR TO FILL SOCK OF KIDDIES 14,000 FEET DEEP

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—A real job confronts St. Nicholas today. It is: Fill a stocking 14,000 feet deep and 3,000 feet wide.

It's the collective stocking of 12,000 "back of the yard" kids, who will be St. Nick's guests here Christmas Eve.

Holiday Railroad Tickets on Sale. To accommodate those who wish to avoid the holiday rush by buying their railroad and sleeping car tickets ahead of time for their Christmas trips, the consolidated ticket office, at 1218 F street, will remain open week days until 9:30 p. m. from December 16 to December 21. In addition to the large number of Government employees who will take vacations during the holidays, it is expected a great many soldiers and sailors will be given leave on furlough or be released from the service at that time. The railroad ticket office will be taxed to capacity in trying to take care of the crowd, and vacationists will not only assure themselves of accommodations in advance, but will save their own time and help the situation materially by making use of this convenience.—Adv.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Six of the mighty American battleships that will take part in New York's greatest naval pageant at Christmas time steamed ponderously into port yesterday. They were the Illinois, Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, Indiana, and Kearsarge.

Far down New York harbor the flagship Pennsylvania and the ninth and sixth divisions of the Atlantic fleet, will ride majestically at anchor on Christmas, but the fleet will not be reviewed by Secretary of the Navy Daniels until the following day.

Within the shadow of the Statue of Liberty the President's private yacht Mayflower, bearing the Secretary of the Navy and other notables will rest at anchor during the reviewing ceremonies. Mayor Hylan and other dignitaries will be upon another boat.

To Pass in Review. The imposing fleet, made up of twenty-five great fighting craft, will pass in review up to designated anchorages in the Hudson river.

The reviewing craft will wait one hour after the fleet has passed and then will steam slowly up the river for a second inspection of the warships.

A monster ovation is in store for (Continued on Page 2, Column 7.)

REDS DEFEATED IN NORTHERN RUSSIA

Russian anti-Bolshevik forces in Northern Russia have delivered a severe defeat to Trotsky's Reds, according to tentative diplomatic advice received here.

The voluntary troops fighting under the standard of the Archangel government are reported to have entered Motchima, Ruchiberaoke and Kren-dorkoile and to have completely cleared the vicinity of Ljms.

NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Another romance of the stage and business was shattered here when Mrs. Janet Beecher Guggenheimer was awarded an absolute divorce from Henry A. Guggenheimer, son of the late Randall Guggenheimer, the first borough president of Manhattan.

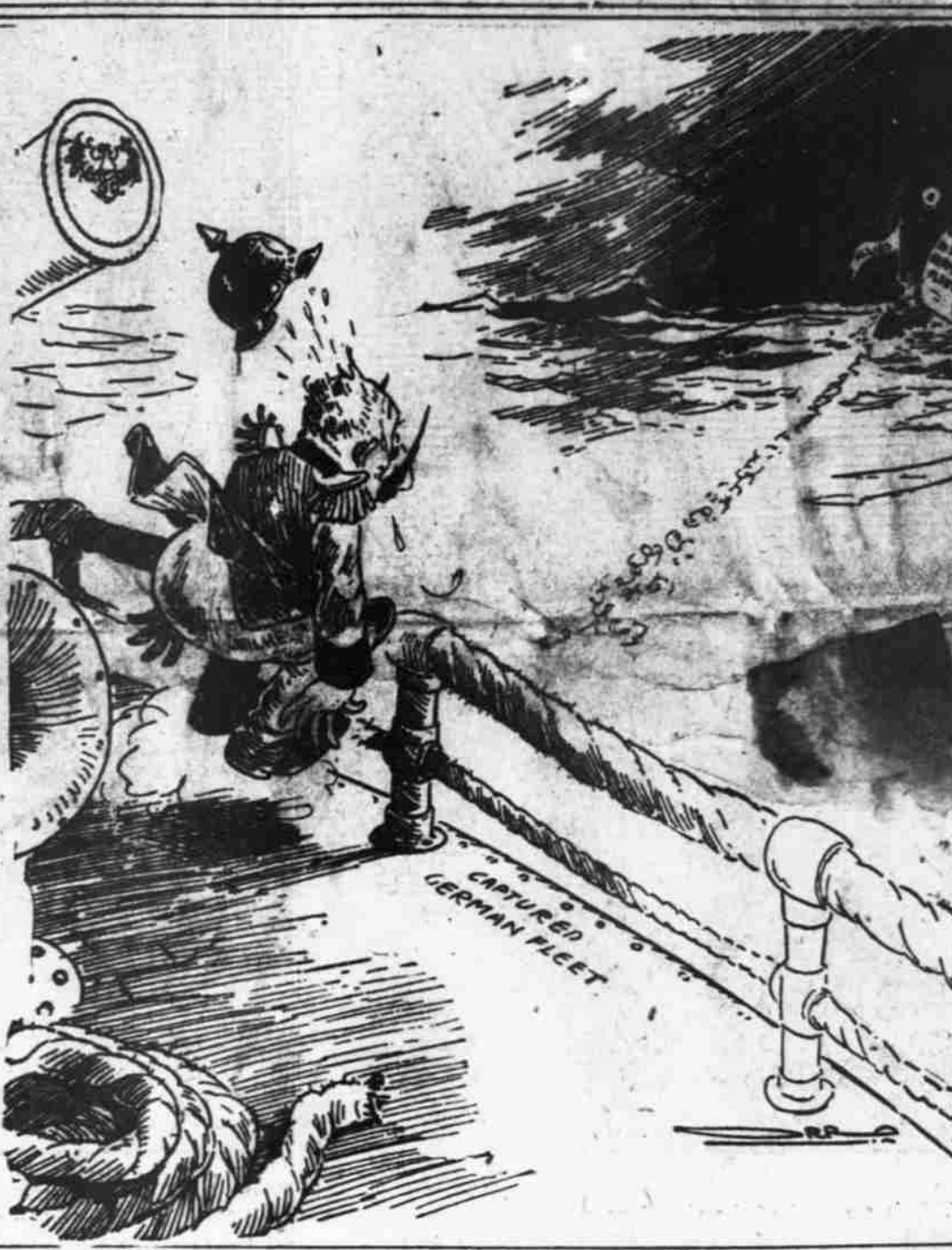
Mr. Guggenheimer, well known New York lawyer and business man, won the hand of Miss Janet Beecher, of Chicago and New York, the popular actress, after she had appeared in leading roles opposite Arnold Daly. Nat C. Goodwin and other theatrical celebrities. They were married in 1913.

The first rift in their life of happiness was discovered by the public a few weeks ago, when Mrs. Guggenheimer brought suit for divorce. While the correspondent was described as "beautiful," she was not named.

Judge Tompkins reviewed the evidence yesterday and granted Mrs. Guggenheimer an absolute divorce. The amount of alimony awarded, if any, was not revealed.

ADVISE QUITTING GERMANY. LONDON, Dec. 22.—Spaniards, Swiss, and Dutch have been advised to leave Germany by their consulates, says an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph.

WHY NOT PUT THE KAISER ABOARD?



"JAP" MENTAL EXPERT KILLS FELLOW-DOCTOR; MAY BE MAD

NOTED ACTRESS IS GRANTED DIVORCE

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Calmly Shoots Physician At Towson, Md., Hospital Muttering About Defense of Honor of Woman Nurse.

TOWSON, Md., Dec. 22.—Dr. Norbura Isita, a Japanese mental expert, standing calmly in the room with several other physicians in the main office of the Sheppard Pratt Hospital yesterday, suddenly drew a revolver and fired three shots into the body of Dr. George B. Wolf, killing him almost instantly.

SHE ARRANGED FOR HUSBAND'S DEATH

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 22.—Gertrude Gibbons, accused of murdering her husband, made arrangements for his funeral before he died and engaged a prominent minister to preach the sermon, the police declare.

PRESIDENT TO REACH LONDON ON THURSDAY AMID ROYAL WELCOME

LONDON, Dec. 22.—President and Mrs. Wilson will arrive in London next Thursday and will meet King George and Queen Mary the same afternoon, it is officially announced here. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will return to France on December 31.

The Presidential party will arrive at Dover at 12:40 o'clock on Thursday afternoon and will come direct to London.

King George personally will meet President Wilson at the London railway station, the Evening News states.

On the drive to Buckingham Palace the President and Mrs. Wilson will be taken over the same route as Field Marshal Haig in his triumphant procession on Thursday. The clubs and residences along the streets have been asked to put out decorations.

Will Dine With British Royalty. The Wilsons and their majesties will dine privately at the palace Thursday evening. Friday will be reserved for the President to meet the cabinet members. That evening there will be a banquet at the palace.

The President will attend a reception at the Guild Hall on Saturday. In the evening he will be the guest of the government at a dinner at Lancaster House. After the dinner the Wilsons will leave for Carlisle, the birthplace of the President's grandmother, arriving there early Sunday morning. The visit to Carlisle will be private and without ceremonies.

Sunday afternoon the President will go to Manchester, where he will be the guest of the lord mayor. He will return to London that night. He is expected to return to Paris on Tuesday.

Preparing at Buckingham Palace. At Buckingham Palace everyone is busily preparing for the Wilsons. During the war the staff of servants was greatly reduced and many of the rooms were utilized by the Queen and Princess Mary for their special charities.

The Manchester Guardian, commenting on the fact that Wilson will be the first President to stay at Buckingham, said "it will be an interesting test of court etiquette how he comes through with his experience."

Queen Alexandra, mother of King George, has canceled her plans for spending Christmas in the country in order to greet President Wilson.

MRS. WILSON SAVES PRESIDENT FROM INDIGESTION

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The President isn't going to have indigestion from eating any of those French culinary concoctions if Mrs. Wilson can help it, and she can.

'WILSON THE JUST,' SORBONN TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT

PARIS, Dec. 22.—President Wilson's decision to enter the war was "one of the greatest events mankind has ever had to register," declared Vice Rector Lucien Poincare today, in conferring the degrees of doctor of law and history on the President at Sorbonne University.

PERSHING AWARDS SCORE OF ALLIED LEADERS D. S. M.

Distinguished service medals have been awarded a score of allied military officers by General Pershing, the War Department announced last night.